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National Provider Identifier (NPI)

CMS Net Web

Effective Monday, January 21, 2008, the CMSNet Web System has been updated to include the NPI. Service Authorization Requests (SARs) may now be issued to the provider's NPI.

The following rules are established:

- Users may search with either the Medi-Cal provider number or the NPI. The search results screen will display both the associated Medi-Cal provider number and NPI (if applicable).
- If the user attempts to modify the end date for an existing SAR issued with a Medi-Cal Provider ID and the Medi-Cal ID is cross referenced to an NPI, the system will display a message that modification is not allowed.
- If a user attempts to modify the end date for an existing SAR issued with a Medi-Cal Provider ID and the Medi-Cal ID is not cross referenced to an NPI, the system will allow the modifications as defined in the existing business rules. When a SAR is issued to a provider with a Medi-Cal Provider number the Medi-Cal Provider number may continue to be used on the SAR until the provider obtains an NPI number.
- When a new SAR is entered for a provider who has **both** a NPI and a Medi-Cal Provider number, the SAR will be issued to the NPI number. Even if you enter or search for a Medi-Cal number the NPI number will appear

Bad Address Indicator: The Bad Address Indicator will display on the “Enter SAR” screen when a provider’s address is missing the city, state or zip code. Users are required to update the address before entering a SAR request.